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SUBJECT: FORTHCOMING VISIT TO EAST BERLIN BY FRG HOUSING

- MINISTER

REF: BERLIN 5516

1. FRG PERMREP DEPUTY CHIEF BERTELE INFORMED US AUGUST 29 THAT THE FRG MINISTER FOR HOUSING, HAACK, WILL BEGIN A VISIT TO EAST BERLIN AND THE GDR ON SEPTEMBER 11. BERTELE SAID THAT, APART FROM THE RECENT EAST BERLIN VISIT BY STATE SECRETARY WISCHNEWSKI AND VISITS TO THE LEIPZIG FAIR BY FRG ECONOMIC OFFICIALS, HAACK WILL BE THE FIRST CABINET-LEVEL OFFICIAL TO VISIT EAST BERLIN/GDR SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS. BERTELE ADDED THAT PLANS FOR THE VISIT DATED BACK AT LEAST ONE YEAR, WERE INTERRUPTED BY THE DEFEAT OF HAACK'S PREDECESSOR IN LOCAL ELECTIONS, AND REVIVED RECENTLY BY HAACK. ACCORDING TO BERTELE, THE VISIT WAS APPROVED BY THE CHANCELLOR.

2. BERTELE NOTED THAT HAACK'S VISIT WOULD PROBABLY ATTRACT MEDIA ATTENTION, BUT TENDED TO PLAY DOWN ITS  
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POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE, EITHER AS A POSSIBLE FORERUNNER FOR A VISIT BY SCHMIDT OR AS A COUNTER TO THE PROBLEM THE FRG IS HAVING WITH THE GDR AT THE PRESENT TIME OVER THE ACTIVITY OF WEST GERMAN MEDIA REPS HERE. BERTELE SAID THAT THE LATTER SUBJECT WOULD PROBABLY COME UP DURING THE DISCUSSIONS THAT HAACK WILL HAVE, WITH THE WEST GERMANS REITERATING THEIR EARLIER REMARKS THAT SUCH THINGS CAN NOT

HELP FRG/GDR RELATIONS.

3. HAACK APPARENTLY WILL SPEND A COUPLE OF DAYS IN  
EAST BERLIN, LOOKING AT HOUSING PROJECTS, AND THEN VISIT  
ONE OR TWO CITIES IN THE GDR BEFORE HIS RETURN TO THE FRG.  
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